

King County Office of Emergency Management with Regional Planning Partners

Informational Bulletin
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What's Next???

- **Internal Review**
- **Public Comment Period**
- **Adoption Process**

Questions???

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Next Steering Committee Meeting

Tuesday
April 15, 2014
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
King County — OEM
3511 NE 2nd Street
Renton, WA 98056

What's Next — Plan Review and Approval Process

Exciting news—We are now moving into the end of phase four (Plan Development) of our five part planning process! Over the next few months we will complete an internal review and a public review of the draft plan. Please see the box below for more information about the anticipated timeline.

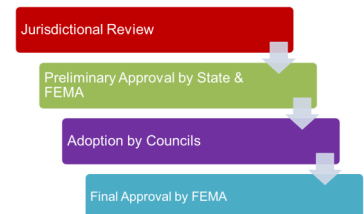
As indicated below, the draft plan will be reviewed by the Steering Committee in two phases. Volume I includes County-wide information about the planning process, the risk assessment, and the County-wide mitigation initiatives. Volume II includes the jurisdictional annexes that Planning Partners completed in January.

The public comment period for both volumes will run from late April to late May. We would like to hold three presentations at public meetings during this time period. We anticipate distributing these meetings across the County. Currently, we are working on establishing dates, times and locations. We will provide more information as soon as we are able.

In early June the final draft will be submitted to Washington State for approval. After this approval is received, we will begin the adoption process and submit the document to FEMA Region X for Plan Review and “pre-adoption” approval.

Each participating jurisdiction must have its governing body formally adopt the plan via resolution before final approval can be granted. To assist jurisdictions

APPROVAL PROCESS



with this process, Tetra Tech will provide a briefing packet, which can be given to your jurisdiction's governing body. This packet will include : a sample resolution, the executive summary and an explanatory cover letter.

It is important for Planning Partners to understand that the planning process for any individual jurisdiction is not complete until this approval has been received; however, the five-year life of the plan begins as soon as the first jurisdiction completes the adoption process.

Please keep in mind that these timeframes may be subject to change and delays may occur.

What about SEPA Compliance?

The Washington State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) requirements for this planning process are based on jurisdictional discretion. Jurisdictions should consult members of their staff that work on SEPA issues to determine if any action is necessary.

Anticipated Timeline for 2014 Plan Completion and Adoption*

March 31st	Volume I Internal Review Draft Distributed to Steering Committee
April 15th	Volume I Comments Due Volume II Review Draft Distributed
April 21st	Volume II Comments Due
April 28th – May 30th	Public Review Period (We will be scheduling 3 public meetings)
June - December	Plan Review Adoption Process

*Please note that this timeline is subject to change as delays may occur during the review process.


Organize
ResourcesRisk
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DevelopmentAdoption and
Approval**Planning Partners—Thank you for all of your hard work!**

As of early March we have received 52 completed annexes. We anticipate that we will receive two more before the process is complete. Two jurisdictions dropped out of the process before the November workshops; however, one of these jurisdictions has already been in contact about initiating linkage procedures with the plan. As we wrap up phase four and move into phase five, Planning Partners should be proud of all of the hard work that has gone into developing a plan to reduce risk to people and property in King County!

Thank you Planning Partners!

*Completed
Jurisdictional Annexes***52***Number of Actions
Identified***497**

We are still anticipating two additional annexes from Planning Partners who required a little additional assistance. We anticipate that our final partnership will include 54 King County jurisdictions.

Draft County-Wide Initiatives

1. Commit to capturing time-sensitive data after a disaster (i.e. high water marks).
2. Maintain the RHMP website where the plan will be housed.
3. Continue to provide regional public education trainings and materials (Make it Though, Take Winter by Storm).
4. Support the Resilient King County initiative.
5. Strive for a regional alert & notification system.
6. Encourage signatories for the Regional Coordination Framework for Disasters and Planned Events.

Draft County-wide initiatives were discussed and identified at the February Steering Committee (SC) Meeting. The SC was able to identify a robust-range of actions that support the vision, goals and objectives of the 2014 RHMP. Final wording will be confirmed with the SC via email.

What happened to my jurisdiction's annex?

Jurisdictional annexes are moving through Tetra Tech's internal review process. If questions arise that we are unable to resolve, we will contact you. Volume II of the

Plan (the jurisdictional annexes) will be distributed for review in mid-April. Any revisions or corrections can be made to your annex at that time. As the annexes move

through this process, we will be adding some initiatives to the municipality action plan matrices to ensure that each Planning Partner has a robust set of actions that address

the hazards of concern in the planning area. Please see the box below for these initiatives. If a jurisdiction objects to an action, this can be resolved during the review process.

Additional Actions for Municipalities

1. Where appropriate, support retrofitting, purchase, or relocation of structures located in hazard-prone areas to protect structures from future damage, with properties with exposure to repetitive losses as a priority.
2. Integrate the hazard mitigation plan into other plans, ordinances or programs to dictate land uses within the jurisdiction.
3. Strive to capture perishable data (ie high water marks, preliminary damage estimates, and damage photos) after significant hazard events to support future updates to the risk assessment of this plan.
4. Continue to support the County-wide initiatives identified in this plan.
5. Actively participate in the plan maintenance strategy identified in this plan.
6. Continue to maintain compliance and good standing under the National Flood Insurance Program. This will be accomplished through the implementation of floodplain management programs that, at a minimum, will meet the minimum requirements of the NFIP, which include the following:
 - Enforcement of the adopted flood damage prevention ordinance,
 - Participating in floodplain identification and mapping updates, and
 - Providing public assistance/information on floodplain requirements and impacts
7. Consider the development of a post-disaster action plan, including a debris management plan. This is to be incorporated into existing emergency management plans.
8. Work with the building official to identify ways to improve the BCEGS classification for the City.
9. Consider participation in incentive-based programs such as the CRS, Firewise and Stormready

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King County is committed to creating and sustaining communities that are more resilient to disasters. To fulfill this pledge, King County Office of Emergency Management (KCOEM) is in the process of updating the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan (RHMP) in partnership with cities and special purpose districts throughout the County. Federal rules require this plan be updated every five years.

Representatives from 56 different cities, schools, fire districts, hospitals and utility districts are collaborating with KCOEM and Tetra Tech Incorporated - the contractor leading the hazard assessment and plan development. Decisions regarding plan elements, such as specific hazards to include, are made by a steering committee whose members include representatives from government, private business, non-profits, the public, and academia.



<http://kingcounty.gov/hazardmitigation>

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